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| LIU, Kevin, et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 4161 |
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| |) | Examiner: Willis, Douglas M. |
| Application No.: 10/551,930 |) | |
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**TITLE: PARA-SULFONYL SUBSTITUTED PHENYL COMPOUNDS AS
MODULATORS OF PPARS AND METHODS OF TREATING METABOLIC
DISORDERS AND RELATED CONDITIONS**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2008, for which a Shortened Statutory Period for reply was set for one month and which therefore expired July 25, 2008. A one-month extension of time is therefore requested. Authorization is hereby given to treat this and any future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.135 for its timely submission or payment of fee, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time or authorization to pay any required fees. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 503299.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims, Related Remarks, and Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Response to Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims and Related Remarks:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Applicants would like to point out to the Examiner an error regarding claim numbering. The claims set in the original PCT application under which the present application entered the national phase in the United States was numbered 1-122. However, when that application was filed in the United States under 371 (c), a Preliminary Amendment was filed with it, cancelling claims 1-122 and presenting new claims 122-141. Thus, the preliminary amendment incorrectly reused a claim number from the original set, Claim 122. Correction is proposed via the Amendment below, in which claim numbering begins with 123 and continues through 145. However, if the Examiner believes it would be more proper to cancel both prior claims sets and begin numbering with the next sequential number, applicants stand ready to comply, and will begin with claim 146. No new matter has been added.

The Amendment below also corrects typographical and punctuation errors, corrects errors of recitation to prior claims in dependent renumbered claims, replaces structural formulae having somewhat small lettering with structural formulae having larger lettering that is easier to read, and cancels non-elected subject matter in order to advance prosecution. As a result of the cancellation of non-elected subject matter, claims 127-129 and 134-142 became redundant over other claims and have accordingly been canceled. Claims 143-145 are newly presented, and correspond to original, cancelled claims 83; 91, and 95, respectively; support for these claims may be found on pages 14, 45-68, and (37-42 and 68), respectively, of the specification. Again, no new matter has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 123-126, 130-133, and 143-145 will be pending.

Listing of Claims:

1-122. (canceled)